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Applicant : Fisher et al.
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Filed : February 29, 2000
For : MELANOMA DIFFERENTIATION ASSOCIATED GENE-5 (mda-5),
PROMOTER AND USES THEREOF

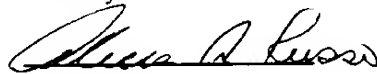
Examiner: Bronwen M. Loeb
Group Art Unit: 1636

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 28, 2001, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Extend Time for a period of three months, up to and including October 28, 2001. Applicants also submit herewith a Revocation and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application.

The Examiner has stated that the claims of the present application contain six inventions, which he has divided into the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 320.1;

Group II, claims 12-20, drawn to a method for determining whether a compound is an inducer of Mda-r gene expression in a cell, classified in class 435, subclass 4;

Group III, claim 21, drawn to an isolated polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350;

Group IV, claims 22 and 23, drawn to an isolated antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 387.7;

Group V, claims 24-28, drawn to a method for treating cancer, classified in class 435, subclass 375; and

Group VI, claims 29 and 30, drawn to an assay to determine whether a compound modified enzymatic activity of an Mda-5 polypeptide, classified in class 435, subclass 4.

The Examiner has required that Applicants restrict the prosecution of this application to one of the foregoing groups of claims.

In response, Applicants elect to pursue the claims of Group I (claims 1-11) in this application, without traverse, and without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of non-elected claims in other patent applications.

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